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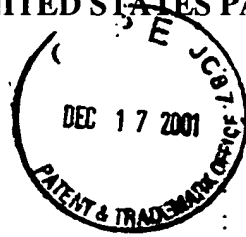
In re Application of

Peter J. McCARTHY et al.

Serial No. 09/809,429

Filed: March 16, 2001

For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND MEDIUM FOR TRADING FIXED INCOME SECURITIES



Group Art Unit: 2161

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

Signing inventor Peter J. McCarthy hereby petitions to allow the above-identified application to be made on behalf of himself and non-signing inventor Kevin Ingram.

Accompanying this petition are:

- (a) a declaration signed by Mr. McCarthy;
- (b) a statement of facts in support of Mr. Ingram's refusal to sign the declaration; and
- (c) Mr. Ingram's last known address.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0219 the fee of \$130.00 to cover the cost of the fee specified by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i). Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

HALE AND DORR LLP

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Gregory S. Discher
Registration No. 42,488

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PATENT ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement, entered into June 5, 2001 ("Effective Date"), is made by and among (a) Peter McCarthy, residing at 27 West 86th Street, New York, New York 10024, Kevin Ingram, residing at 55-1909 River Drive South, Jersey City, New Jersey 07310 (together "Assignors"), and (b) TruMarkets, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 34 West 33rd Street, New York, New York 10001 ("Assignee").

WHEREAS, Assignors are and/or have been employees of Assignee;

WHEREAS, the Patent Rights (as defined herein) were developed in connection with Assignors' employment with Assignee, and Assignors wish to assign to Assignee all of their rights, title and interest in and to the Patent Rights under the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Assignee wishes to accept such assignment.

NOW THEREFORE, for U.S. \$10.00 (TEN DOLLARS) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. a. Assignors hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Assignee, and Assignee hereby accepts, all rights, title and interest in and to, the patents and patent applications specified below, together with all rights, powers, privileges, defenses and immunities arising or accrued therefrom (the "Patent Rights"), including without limitation all rights in and to the inventions disclosed therein, and all reissues, continuations-in-part, revisions, extensions, and reexaminations thereof, and all rights of priority with respect thereto under any international agreements to which the United States adheres, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, in and to all causes of action (either in law or in equity) and the right to sue, counterclaim, and recover for past, present and future infringements of the rights assigned to Assignee hereunder, and in and to the exclusive right to enforce such patents and patent applications in the United States and throughout the world in the sole name of Assignee, its successors or assigns.

Patent Application No.
09/809429

Names of Applicants
Peter McCarthy
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b. Assignors agree to execute such documents and perform such acts as may reasonably be requested by Assignee, at Assignee's expense, to give further effect to the terms and provisions hereof.

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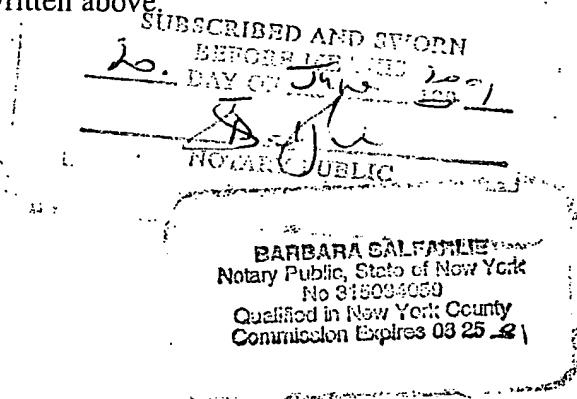
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2. Assignors acknowledge receipt of the total sum of U.S. \$10.00 (TEN DOLLARS) from Assignee in consideration of the transactions contemplated hereby.

3. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of each of the parties hereto and their respective successors, executors, administrators, representatives, heirs and assigns.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.



ASSIGNORS

[Signature]
Peter McCarthy

[Signature]
Kevin Ingram

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sworn to

Executed before me this

17 day of June, 2001.

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TRUMARKETS INC.

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"TRUMARKETS, LLC", A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED AND
EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED
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To: 'Gregory Discher' <Gregory.Discher@haledorr.com>

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Greg,

As per Kevin Ingram's instruction, please file and thank you for your help.

I guess we can speak on Monday.

Thanks again.

David

-----Original Message-----

From: Gregory Discher [<mailto:Gregory.Discher@haledorr.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2001 5:30 PM

To: Lestz David

Subject: Patent Application

David:

I switched the ordering of the inventors names.

Please authorize us to file the application ASAP so it can be done today.

Thanks,

Greg

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September 19, 2001

By Certified Mail

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/809,429
For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND MEDIUM FOR TRADING FIXED INCOME
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Our Reference: 111472.120US1

Dear Mr. Ingram:

Further to my telephone message of September 18, 2001, enclosed please find a Declaration and Power of Attorney form for the above-referenced patent application. Please execute the form and return it to our office no later than September 28, 2001. We have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Gregory S. Discher

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY RECEIVED

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plus names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM, METHOD AND MEDIUM FOR TRADING FIXED INCOME SECURITIES,

the specification of which was filed on March 16, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/809,429.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 3 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

Number Country Day/Month/Year filed

Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Prior Provisional Application(s):

Application Number Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365 of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided in the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U. S. Non-Provisional Application(s):

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information as

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belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements are the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby grant the firm of HALE AND DORR LLP the power to insert on this Declaration any further identification, including the application number and filing date, which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document

I hereby appoint the following registered practitioners, and all registered practitioners listed at **customer number 24395**:

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Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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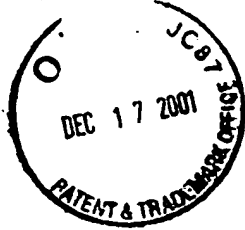
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Sir:

Refusal of an inventor to sign a declaration may be overcome by submitting an affidavit of the facts, the required fee, and the last known address of the non-signing inventor, according to 37 CFR §1.47(a), as amplified in MPEP 409 and MPEP 409.03(d).

I hereby submit this affidavit pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(a) that one inventor of the referenced application, Mr. Kevin Ingram, has repeatedly refused to sign a declaration of inventorship. Upon information and belief, the following facts of Mr. Ingram's conduct pointing to a refusal, are:

On February 8, 2001, the undersigned sent the first draft of the above-identified patent application to TruMarkets, Inc. A copy of the transmittal letter dated February 8, 2001 is enclosed.

On June 5, 2001, Mr. Ingram signed an Assignment agreement assigning the invention described in application 09/809,429 to TruMarkets, Inc., predecessor corporation to TruMarkets, LLC, and he clearly and in plain language agreed to assign to TruMarkets, Inc. all of his inventions made in connection with application 09/809,429. Mr. Ingram was an employee of TruMarkets, Inc. on the date he assigned his rights to TruMarkets, Inc., but was not employed by TruMarkets, Inc. when the undersigned initiated correspondence with Mr. Ingram on September 19, 2001 (as discussed herein). Copies of the Assignment agreement signed by Mr. Ingram and a Certificate of Merger are enclosed.

On March 16, 2001, Mr. David Lestz, Esq., attorney for TruMarkets, Inc., sent an e-mail to the undersigned authorizing the above-identified application to be filed. The e-mail explicitly stated

that Kevin Ingram (the non-signing inventor) authorized the above-identified application to be filed. A copy of the e-mail is enclosed.

On September 19, 2001, the undersigned sent via certified mail a letter and declaration of inventorship to Mr. Ingram. A self-addressed stamped envelope was also enclosed for Mr. Ingram's convenience in returning the executed declaration of inventorship to us. Copies of the September 19, 2001 letter, declaration of inventorship, and U.S. Post Office return receipt are enclosed.

On September 28, 2001, Mr. Ingram left the undersigned a voice mail message at his work telephone number (202) 942-8437 regarding the declaration of inventorship sent with our September 19 letter.

On September 28, 2001, the undersigned, in response to Mr. Ingram's September 28, 2001 voice mail message, left Mr. Ingram a voice mail message on his home telephone number (201) 626-2153, explicitly informing him of the requirement to sign the declaration of inventorship.

On October 4, 2001, the undersigned sent via Federal Express a second letter and declaration of inventorship to Mr. Ingram. A self-addressed stamped envelope was enclosed for Mr. Ingram's convenience in returning the executed declaration of inventorship to us. Copies of the October 4, 2001 letter, declaration of inventorship, and Federal Express return receipt are enclosed.

On each of October 9, October 11, and October 12, the undersigned left a voice mail message at Mr. Ingram's home telephone number (201) 626-2153, requesting him to return the executed signed declaration of inventorship.

Mr. Ingram has not contacted us since his September 28, 2001 voice mail message.

The last known address of Mr. Ingram is:

55-1909 River Drive South

Jersey City, New Jersey 07310.

I, Gregory S. Discher, do hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the facts of the case are as stated above.

Respectfully submitted,

HALE AND DORR LLP



Gregory S. Discher
Registration No. 42,488

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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

OF

TRUMARKETS, INC.
(a Delaware corporation)

INTO

TRUMARKETS, LLC
(a Delaware limited liability company)

UNDER THE DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

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The undersigned limited liability company, pursuant to Section 18-209 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, submits the following Certificate of Merger for filing and DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the name and state of formation or organization of each of the constituent entities of the merger are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF INCORPORATION</u>
TruMarkets, Inc.	Delaware
TruMarkets, LLC	Delaware

SECOND: That an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement and Plan of Merger") dated as of May 4, 2001, between the constituent entities, setting forth the terms and conditions of the merger, has been approved and executed by each of the constituent entities in accordance with the requirements of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act and the requirements of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

THIRD: That the surviving entity of the merger is TruMarkets, LLC, under the name "TruMarkets, LLC," a Delaware limited liability company.

FOURTH: That the Certificate of Formation of TruMarkets, LLC shall be the Certificate of Formation of the surviving limited liability company.

FIFTH: That the Operating Agreement of TruMarkets, LLC shall be the Operating Agreement of the surviving limited liability company.

SIXTH: That a copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at the principal place of business of the surviving limited liability company, which is located at 34 West 33rd Street, Suite 1016, New York, NY 10001.

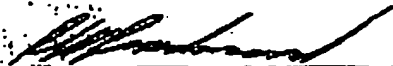
SEVENTH: That a copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the surviving limited liability company, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of the constituent corporation or any member of the constituent limited liability company which are to merge.

EIGHTH: That the merger shall be effective upon filing of this Certificate of Merger.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate this 8th day of June, 2001.

TRUMARKETS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By: **TRUMARKETS, INC.**, as its sole member

By: 
Name: Ronald W. Readmond
Title: President & CEO
JUN 12 2001